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## Poetry in The Park Returns to Juneau Park for 2<sup>nd</sup> Season

Milwaukee, WI (May 31, 2016) – Juneau Park Friends in partnership with Milwaukee County Parks will bring its second season of Poetry in the Park to Juneau Park, from 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, June–September (June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13).

On the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, local poets will gather around the Solomon Juneau statue and read from their works. The site is located at the intersection of Prospect and Kilbourn avenues.

“We had a remarkably successful first year with turnouts in the triple digits,” event-organizer Sandy Duffy said. “Folks from all around Milwaukee County came to our free readings—which only increases our commitment to bringing quality poetry to Juneau Park!”

This season features established poets from Milwaukee, Madison, and Grand Rapids, MI, alongside up-and-coming local poets.

June’s event will feature John Koethe, winner of the prestigious Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, a \$100,000 national award honoring a poet at mid-career. Koethe describes his poetry as music; he considers sound and the way his poems flow in addition to lyrical explorations of art and humanity.

Also reading will be Ann-Marie Blanchard, a PhD candidate at UW-Milwaukee; Nick Demske, recipient of the 2010 Fence Modern Poets Series Award; and Mikey Murry, a poet who began her work as a teen on the Poetry Slam Team at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts.

The public is invited to bring blankets or chairs to sit on during this low-key, family-friendly cultural event. Visitors may also bring snacks and beverages to enjoy during the reading.

For details on future performances or about the Juneau Park Friends, visit <http://bit.ly/1sJf6ME>.

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